

# ADHESIVE REMOVAL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

## ABSTRACT

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Novel compositions and methods of using the same which are highly effective at removing adhesive materials. The compositions are useful for removing adhesives, such as those used to secure floor coverings, to thereby aid in the removal of the floor covering. Additionally, the present invention is also directed to methods of removing adhesives and floor coverings using the compositions of the present invention. The present invention uses compositions comprising an alkaline amine reagent, preferably an alkaline aliphatic amine reagent, either alone or coupled with a non-ionic wetting agent. These compositions may be applied to an adhesive. The compositions break down the adhesive, thereby allowing it to be easily removed. Alternatively, to remove a floor covering such as carpet or tile, the composition may be applied directly to the floor covering such that it penetrates the floor covering and contacts the adhesive to break-down the adhesive and permit the easy removal of the floor covering.

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